January 28, 2017

Honorable Laura Taylor Swain
United States District Judge
Daniel Patrick Moynahan United States Courthouse
500 Pearl Street
New York, NY 10007-1312

Dear Judge Swain,

I am writing in regards to my brother David Hobson. David is not only my older brother but also a person I admire, look up to, and approach for advice and guidance. He is a loyal and caring person who always puts the interests of others before his own. His unselfish actions, advice and care provided the help and drive I needed nine years ago facing a financial crisis to get back on my feet. David gave so much of his time to help me through that crisis and I will be forever grateful. This is the type of person David is, a loyal, caring and hard working person who is the pillar of our family.

David has been the lead in caring for both of our parents who are increasingly unable to provide for themselves. David lives very close to our parents. Our mom has dementia which has resulted in David needing to manage everything in her life. For years he helped her with many aspects of her life, taking over for her when she lost the ability to manage for herself. Now, she is in a memory care facility where he still manages all of her affairs and oversees her care at the facility. David is called on regularly for input into her care. By way of example, just recently she had a dental appointment scheduled after reportedly not eating. The staff suspected she might be experiencing oral pain. After two failed dental appointments where trainee staff accompanied her, David stepped in. He's arranged for a specialty clinic to see our mom and will take time off of his job to attend the visit to hold her hand or comfort her during the visit, and consent to any needed procedures or sedation she might need. Our mother knows when David is there and still can be reassured by his calm demeanor. I have no doubt that his presence will make all the difference at this next dental visit.

Our father is also compromised without David's regular help. He has physical ailments and limited ability to access the outside world without help. David sacrifices his life to make sure our Dad has food, medicine, and all daily chores addressed. Being in New York City with distance as a barrier, I rely on my older brother for all family matters and care. He is a wonderful person that anyone could turn to. His caring and unselfish ways have given our parents the proper care and keep them as healthy and happy as possible given their health challenges.

There's not a person in the world I admire more. As he comes before you again at sentencing, I ask that you consider in your decision what a wonderful and caring person he is and how much our parents need him.

Sincerely,

Paul R. Hobson